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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

DAVID C. HOPPS, D.V.M.

TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on or about April 18, 1991, upon receipt of a report that David C. Hopps, D.V.M., had been

arrested by the Economic Crimes Unit of the Office of the Prosecutor of Burlington County, New Jersey, and charged with Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property Received. Specifically, Dr. Hopps was charged with converting to his own use payroll deductions taken from the salaries of five of his employees from 1986 until the date of his arrest. It was further alleged that he had failed to pay required New Jersey sales taxes. In a formal statement taken from Dr. Hopps on the day of his arrest, he admitted some of the underlying conduct.

On or about October 19, 1992, Dr. Hopps was admitted to the Pre-Trial Intervention program in Burlington County for a period of six months conditioned upon his paying restitution in the amount of \$1,385.57 to the New Jersey Division of Taxation and \$8,018.57 to the Internal Revenue Service.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16-6(i), the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may suspend or revoke a license to practice veterinary medicine in this State upon proof to the satisfaction of the Board that a licensee has committed acts of fraud or dishonesty. Based on Dr. Hopps' statement when arrested as well as the report of investigation by investigators for the Economic Crimes Unit, Burlington County, this Board is satisfied that sufficient grounds exist for the suspension or revocation of the license of David C. Hopps, D.V.M.

Dr. Hopps wishing to settle this matter without the necessity for formal administrative action, and the Board being

satisfied that this Order is adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause existing for the entry thereof:

IT IS on this 29th day of Systember, 1993,

ORDERED that licensee David C. Hopps, D.V.M., shall pay to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners a civil penalty in the amount of \$3000.00.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Thomas Sanguini, V.M.D

President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.

David C. Hopps, D.V.M.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

Marianne C. Kehoe Executive Director